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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SENV, PBOR, EFIS, CA  
SUBJ: GULF OF MAINE

REF: (A) OTTAWA 0056; (2) OTTAWA 0067

1. FOLLOWING UP EXTAFF MIN JAMIESON'S OFFER TO EXPLAIN CANADA'S INTERIM FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE AND ITS POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO THE GULF OF MAINE, I MET THIS MORNING WITH FISH NEGOTIATOR LEGAULT. LEGAULT EXPLAINED THE USE OF THE ICNAF ZONES AS AN INTERIM DEVICE, SUGGESTING (AS THE CANADIANS HAD AT THE NOVEMBER 17 TALKS) ITS USE WITH THE U.S.

2. IN RESPONSE I NOTED THAT THERE ARE MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE FRENCH AND U.S. SITUATIONS. THE U.S. HAS PROPOSED COORDINATES FOR A LATERAL BOUNDARY; FRANCE HAS NOT. THE U.S. CONGRESS HAS PASSED A LAW DEFINING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF FOREIGN FISHERIES WITHIN THE 200 MILE LIMIT; APPARENTLY FRANCE HAS NOT, AT LEAST AS REGARDS ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON. FRANCE'S POTENTIAL CLAIM (NO ACTUAL CLAIM HAS BEEN MADE) WOULD  
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BE ALL WITHIN CANADA'S CLAIM OF 200 MILE ZONE; CANADIAN AND U.S. CLAIMS ABUT EACH OTHER. FINALLY THE U.S. IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF ICNAF.

3. I TOLD LEGAULT THAT I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS SINCE THE JANUARY 9 CONVERSATION WITH JAMIESON. ON MY OWN AUTHORITY, HOWEVER, I ASKED THE

FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) DOES CANADA REGARD THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE THREE ZONES (THE ZONE OF OVERLAPPING CLAIMS, A ZONE NORTH OF IT WHICH WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO U.S. CLAIMS, AND A ZONE SOUTH OF IT WHICH ONLY THE U.S. CLAIMED AT PRESENT BUT IN WHICH CANADA WISHES TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ARGUE FOR OR CONCEIVABLY CLAIM A MORE SOUTHERLY LINE) AS IPSO FACTO PREJUDICIAL TO THE CANADIAN BOUNDARY POSITION? AFTER SOME HESITATION, LEGAULT SAID "NO".

(B) DOES CANADA OBJECT TO THE USE OF U.S.-ISSUED PERMITS IN THE AREAS SOUTH OF THE EQUIDISTANCE LINE? AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, LEGAULT SAID NOT IN PRINCIPLE, PROVIDED THE LICENSES ARE NOT DEFINED IN TERMS OF A GIVEN OCEAN AREA.

(C) DID I UNDERSTAND JAMIESON CORRECTLY ON JANUARY 09 TO SAY THAT CANADA WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE U.S. EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGNTY IN THE ZONE BELOW THE EQUIDISTANCE LINE, TO INCLUDE SURVEILLANCE, MANAGEMENT, AND LICENSING, AND THAT CANADA DOES NOT INTEND TO ATTEMPT TO EXERCISE SOVEREIGNTY ITSELF IN THAT ZONE? LEGAULT CONFIRMED THE STATEMENT, ADDING THAT THE CANADIAN OBJECTIVE IS TO RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ARGUE OR CONCEIVABLY TO CLAIM A MORE SOUTHERLY LINE, CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD THE ISSUE TO TO THIRD PARTY SETTLEMENT.

(D) SINCE CANADA WISHES TO RESERVE ITS RIGHTS, DOES NOT THE ORDER IN COUNCIL STATING THAT CANADA'S CLAIM IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FUTURE CLAIMS SUFFICIENT? LEGAULT SAID THAT AT A MINIMUM CANADA WOULD WISH TO REITERATE THAT RESERVATION IN ANY AGREEMENT.

4. COMMENT: OVERALL IMPRESSION LEGAULT CONVEYED WAS THAT HE IS BEGINNING TO FEEL THE HEAT, AND WILL COOPERATE IN SEARCHING FOR A COMPROMISE. LEGAULT HAS PROBABLY BEEN SMARTING FROM CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED ON HIM BY EXTAFF BOUNDARY SPECIALIST. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT JAMIESON WOULD BE OUT OF PLAY FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS, BUT SEEMED REASSURED WHEN TOLD THAT WE WOULD MAKE SURE JAMIESON IS KEPT IN THE PICTURE. ENDERS

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